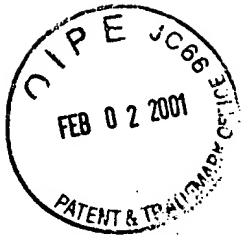


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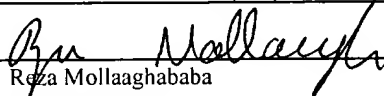
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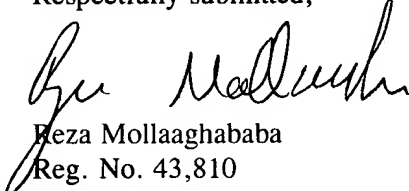
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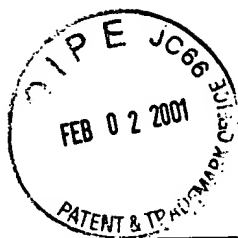
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examining the above-referenced patent application, please amend the application as follows:

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Please amend the specification by inserting at page 1, subheading "Related

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